

# *Coin Board News*

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No new price list this time --- I'm too busy with other things. Family obligations, as well as the ANA Convention in Baltimore and the pre-show the week before, will occupy a lot of my time and attention this summer. During the ANA event I'll be presenting a slide show on collecting coin boards as part of its Numismatic Theater series on Thursday, July 31 at 2:00 pm. As usual, this will include a free drawing in which three persons will each win a vintage coin board. A new attraction at the ANA convention is the "Collector's Corner" in which I'll have my board book for sale and signing and will display a selection of old coin boards from a variety of publishers. My tentative time slot for the Collector's Corner is Friday, August 1 at 2:00 pm, but this is still subject to change. Be certain to check your convention program.

Since the last newsletter there have been two new coin board discoveries. The first is a Whitman board for Mercury Dimes printed in 1939. An example from Whitman's Second Edition of boards having flocked surfaces, what the company called "suede" finish, this board has a distinctive feature. All previously known examples of this board have the word COLLECTION in smaller print than the main title MERCURY HEAD DIMES. What makes this newly discovered board unique is that the word COLLECTION is printed in letters the same size as in the main title. This makes it graphically identical to the Third Edition Whitman boards for Mercury Dimes, all of which lack the flocked finish of Second Edition boards. It is thus transitional between the two editions and unlisted in my book. I've assigned a catalog number of W10¢D2h, and owners of my book should update their copies.

The other new discovery is a variety of Whitman board for which I reserved a catalog number on the assumption that it might one day surface. Dating to 1939-40, this board is a Third Edition entry for two-cent and nickel three-cent pieces, a title previously confirmed only in the Second Edition. Whitman boards of the Third Edition are known with either clothlike or leatherette textures to their face paper, and this new discovery has the latter. It is thus catalog number W2¢A3b, already listed in the book as a reserved number. Collectors may now check off this item as confirmed.

Both of these boards were among the 142 pieces I purchased from a longtime supply dealer during the Central States Convention at Rosemont, Illinois. A few were set aside for my own collection, as they were either upgrades or featured newly-found vendor stamps. The remainder are all cataloged, graded and packaged for sale. Some of the best items have already been placed with collectors who had want lists on file. These included two examples of the rare Whitman board for Peace Dollars and a Near Mint pair of the even rarer two-piece set for Liberty Seated Dimes. Those that remain will appear on my next price list, which I expect to put together after the ANA Convention.

Internet sales of coin boards have been few and far between during the past two-three months. Those boards that have been offered were mostly of poor quality or included partial sets of coins. It's difficult to judge the results of sales that include coins, though it seems that these boards are often of less than stellar quality, too. One unmistakable trend is that no truly rare boards are turning up on the Internet. As with coins, the most common boards always seem to be available, while the rarities only get more so in time.

That's what's new in the world of coin board collecting. I'll put out a new sales list in a few weeks. In the meantime, my book *Coin Collecting Boards of the 1930s & 1940s: A Complete History, Catalog & Value Guide*, remains available for purchase at the address below. Please visit my website, too.

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COLLECTION 1864 TO 1873

RARE

1864  
SMALL MOTO  
19.8 MILLION BOTH KINDS

1865  
LARGE MOTO

1865  
13.6 MILLION

1866  
3.2 MILLION

1867  
2.9 MILLION

1868  
2.8 MILLION

1869  
1.5 MILLION

1870  
841 THOUSAND

1871  
721 THOUSAND

1872  
65 THOUSAND

1873  
PROOFS ONLY

RARE

1865  
11.4 MILLION

1866  
4.8 MILLION

1867  
3.5 MILLION

1868  
3.3 MILLION

1869  
1.6 MILLION

1870  
1.5 MILLION

1871  
604 THOUSAND

1872  
862 THOUSAND

1873  
1.2 MILLION

1874  
790 THOUSAND

1875  
228 THOUSAND

1876  
162 THOUSAND

1877  
PROOFS ONLY

1878  
2.4 THOUSAND

RARE

1879  
41.2 THOUSAND

1880  
25 THOUSAND

1881  
1.1 MILLION

1882  
25.3 THOUSAND

1883  
10.6 THOUSAND

1884  
5.6 THOUSAND

1885  
4.8 THOUSAND

1886  
4.3 THOUSAND

1887  
7 OVER 6  
S THOUSAND BOTH KINDS

1887  
PERFECT DATE

1888  
41.1 THOUSAND

1889  
21.6 THOUSAND

RARE

# MERCURY HEAD DIME COLLECTION STARTING 1916

1916 \$2 MILLION	1916-S \$2.5 MILLION	1916-D \$2.5 THOUSAND	1917 \$2.2 MILLION	1917-S \$2.3 MILLION	1917-D \$2.3 MILLION	1918 \$2.7 MILLION	1918-S \$2.5 MILLION
1919 \$2.5 MILLION	1919-S \$2.5 MILLION	1919-D \$2.5 MILLION	1919-D \$2.5 MILLION	1920 \$2 MILLION	1920-S \$2.2 MILLION	1920-D \$2.2 MILLION	1921 \$2 MILLION
1922 \$2 MILLION	1922-S \$2.5 MILLION	1922-D \$2.5 MILLION	1923 \$2.5 MILLION	1924 \$2 MILLION	1924-S \$2.5 MILLION	1924-D \$2.5 MILLION	1925 \$2.5 MILLION
1926 \$2.5 MILLION	1926-S \$2.5 MILLION	1926-D \$2.5 MILLION	1927 \$2.5 MILLION	1927-S \$2.5 MILLION	1927-D \$2.5 MILLION	1928 \$2.5 MILLION	1928-S \$2.5 MILLION
1929 \$2.5 MILLION	1929-S \$2.5 MILLION	1929-D \$2.5 MILLION	1930 \$2.5 MILLION	1930-S \$2.5 MILLION	1930-D \$2.5 MILLION	1931 \$2.5 MILLION	1931-S \$2.5 MILLION
1932 \$2.5 MILLION	1932-S \$2.5 MILLION	1932-D \$2.5 MILLION	1933 \$2.5 MILLION	1933-S \$2.5 MILLION	1933-D \$2.5 MILLION	1934 \$2.5 MILLION	1934-S \$2.5 MILLION
1935 \$2.5 MILLION	1935-S \$2.5 MILLION	1935-D \$2.5 MILLION	1936 \$2.5 MILLION	1936-S \$2.5 MILLION	1936-D \$2.5 MILLION	1937 \$2.5 MILLION	1937-S \$2.5 MILLION
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